

## 45th Annual Lee Tressel, Baldwin Wallace/Shriner's Football game.

Once again Al Koran presented the colors for the National Anthem... and a check to the BW President for the University scholarship fund. Chief Rabban Bru Lewis spoke for the Shriners. High Priest and Profit, Brandon Gould presented each teams MVP of the game with a plaque of the occasion.



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MEMBER INFORMATION For information on Dues, Assessments, Regulations or to report Illness or Death of a Noble please call the Business Office as listed above.

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I recently attended the Youngstown Shrine club/Wheels of Mercy annual Clam Bake which is now the Hively Memorial Clam Bake. As usual, it was very well organized and attended. The comradery with old friends and new friends was well worth attending on its own but of course, the food was the main attraction and it was as good as ever. Congratulations on another successful year.

Terry Hamilton P.P.

I wish to thank all of the dedicated Shriners who participated in our annual Lee Tressel Football game at Baldwin Wallace. We had a decent turnout and I was once again proud and privileged to assist in holding the giant

American flag during the National Anthem. A special thanks to Chief Rabban Brunnel awell as everyone who assisted in setting up this year's event.

Our Mariners had a cruise on Lake Erie and the Cuyahoga joining Aladdin members enjoying a great buffet brunch and a lot of good times and perfect weather abord the Lady Caroline which is based on the west side of the flats. You could not have asked for a better day to be on the water.

Within a few days of receiving this printing will be the Potentates Ball on October 14, please make your reservations to attend. Lady Angie and Mary as well as myself would love to see everyone attend and have a great time. We have held the price down to 2010 costs at \$50 per person, you won't be able to have as good of a dinner and entertainment anywhere for \$100 per couple so come one and all.

Next, we will be holding our Sportsman's raffle on October 31. Please sell some tickets and when you sell those, get some more and sell them.

We have the Chief Rabban Seminar and the Hunter's Turkey Shoot and Spaghetti dinner in November, Please attend.

The year is coming to the end very soon and I hope that you will support everything that is scheduled by your clubs, units and Shrine.



Yours in faith,

Terry A. Hamilton PP

## **NOTICE - SAVE THE DATE:** Potentate's Ball

Honoring Illustrious Sir Terry Hamilton & Lady Angie

October 14th, 2023

Double Tree hotel - Independence , Ohio

# Official Call of the Potentate

The next regular monthly business meeting will be **OCTOBER 16, 2023** to be held at **Berea Masonic Center** (Quarry Lodge), 366 Eastland Road, Berea. Dinner will be served at 6:00 with RESERVATIONS called in to Recorder Tom Klecan...by the previous Thursday.

Terry A. Hamilton, P.P., Illustrious Potentate Thomas Klecan P.P., Recorder

Es Selamu Aleikum

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# Notice to our Ladies

Lady Angie and Mary invite all Ladies to come in Halloween costume for FUN pumpkin decorating, PRIZES and snacks.



# Paper Deadline!

For those of you that submit materials for the Al Koran News: I need your letters, ads and photos in a timely manner, so that I can assemble the newsletter with enough time for artwork, layout, printing & mailing. Deadline is 2nd Wednesday each month. Thank You, Jay Flack., Editor & Publisher

## **Calendar of Events**

### <u>OCTOBER</u>

- October 7: Youngstown Shrine Club Octoberfest
- October 8: Millersburg Antique Festival Parade
- October 9: Columbus Day Parade Krazy Kopps BOD/Divan Meeting Hunter's Meeting - following Divan

#### October 14: POTENTATE'S BALL

- October 16: Al Koran Monthly Business Meeting
- October 31: Sportsman's Raffle drawing

### **NOVEMBER**

- November 4: Youngstown SC Wine Tasting
- November 11: Hunter's Spaghetti Dinner & Turkey Shoot
- November 13: BOD/Divan Meeting
  - Hunter's Meeting following Divan
- November 20: Al Koran Monthly Business Meeting

For a detailed Calendar of Events see Al Koran Website

# SAVE THE DATE

Gather the kids...

Al Koran Children's Christmas Party along with Scottish Rite is **December 9<sup>th</sup> 2023** 



## From the Recorder

Once again it is dues season. Imperial sends out the notices, as they obtain a better bulk mailing rate than most Shrine Centers can get. However, your payments still come to Al Koran and I am the one who processes them. For those of you who have already received your dues notice, you will notice the \$20.00 increase. That is the \$20.00 increase in the per capita, passed this year at Imperial Session, which Al Koran pays for each of our members. Per capita is now \$50.00 per member; and Al Koran does not have the financial wherewithal to carry members for another year hoping they will pay their dues. Therefore, suspensions for non-payment of dues will take place at the end of the calendar year. Those Nobles who have not paid their 2023 dues have until December 31, 2023 to pay them, and hopefully you will pay 2024 also. Otherwise they will be suspended.

As of the writing of this article, I still have 42 Nobles outstanding for their 2023 Dues. I have e-mail, sent letters and made phone calls. Somewhat surprising, most of these 42 Nobles seem to fall into one of two categories; the elderly, those between 85 and 100 years old, and those around 45 years old. I can venture a guess as to why their dues are not paid. For our more senior members, they may not be in full control of their finances, and/or need to be judicious in their spending. For our relatively younger members, I would suggest that they do not value their membership in the same way as most of us do. I do not mean derogatory, but I am sure they have families, are working, and have limited time, and have not found a club or unit that holds their interest, and provides them with fun and fellowship. This last one is our fault.

Unlike the Grand Lodge of Ohio, Shriner's International does not remit the dues of any Noble for seniority. However, we have set aside limited funds to help those of you who are struggling with financial issues or poor health. We also understand that many of our senior members would like to remain Shriners but are unable to fully participate in Shrine events; we may be able to provide you with a reduction of your dues. Please, contact the office and let us know, we will probably be able to assist you with this. Contact information is listed below.

Shriners International has experience positive growth in Membership for several months recently, this has not occurred in over 25 years. With your help we would like to maintain this growth.

Remember, our website alkoranshriners.com has copies of the newsletter as well as a Calendar which is kept up to date, as well as information on clubs and units. Check out the website.

You can reach me by e-mail at klecantom@hotmail.com, clevelandshriners@gmail.com, or call the office 440-546-9866 and select #1 Recorder.

Tom Klecan PP

Recorder, Al Koran Shriners

## Have your received your Electronic Dues notice for 2024? Did you notice the increase?

Nobles, at the 2023 Imperial Session, held in Charlotte, North Carolina, this past month, the elected delegates of the Iowa Corporation (Fraternal), voted to raise the per capita \$20.00, from \$30.00 to \$50.00 per year.

### Hard copies will be mailed via the US Postal service in early October.

You will see this increase in your 2024 Dues Statement, an increase from \$137.00 to \$157.00

Please see the recorder's message for more details.

Should you need assistance with your dues please contact the office 440-546-9866.

## Mariners Log =

#### By Bob Stanley M.S.A.

The Mariners took their August Brunch Cruise on August 27, aboard Cleveland's new lake liner Lady Caroline. Joining the Mariners were Shriners of Al Koran and Aladdin Shrine, along with members of District 7 of the International Order of Blue Gavel.

The Mariners Black Tie Event of the year will be held on Saturday, October 14. This will be the 2023 Al Koran Potentate's Ball honoring our own Mariner, Ill. Sir Terry Hamilton P.P. This gala affair will be held at the Double Tree Hotel in Independence, Ohio. It will be a night of friends, fellowship, and fraternity. By this time, the leaves will be in an abundance of colors.

Sunshine Chairman P/C John Baker has got word that P/C Bob Stanley is in sick bay. Do not forget that it is time to get your flu shot.

October is upon us and the leaves are not only changing colors but also dropping. In the next few weeks, our boats will be taken out of the water, cleaned, and placed in winter storage. It is also time while the weather is still nice to check that your snowblower is ready to tackle this upcoming winter and the SNOW. That four-letter word will be here before we know it.

Do not forget to get your ticket or tickets for the Al Koran Shrine Sportsman Raffle. Tickets are \$25 each and this event is to support the Al Koran Shrine Hospital Transportation Fund. Tickets can be obtained from any Divan officer or on Al Koran's Website. The drawing will be on Tuesday, October 31. The winning tickets can be purchased for any item at Fin, Feather, and Fur.

The October Al Koran Shrine Business Meeting will be held on Monday, October 16. The location will be in the official call of the Potentate in the October Al Koran Magazine on page 2.

The next Mariners meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 24 at the Edgewater Yacht Club. This will be the election of the 2024 Bridge Officers. We usually meet around 1800 hours for chow and grog, with our meeting gaveled to order at 1900 hours. For information concerning the Mariners and our activities, contact Commodore Ronn Murphy P.P. at **216-702-6785**.

Happy Halloween! - God's Speed

# ----- ATTENTION

## Information on the following Noble needed.

Donald B. Anderson Lester H. Carmean Donald E. Fugate James R. Haines James H. McLaughlin Randall Pritchard Donald E Wills

- Guy J. Atkinson Charles W. Childers Ronald D. Gardner Richard N Hoffman Samuel C. Napier Eugene H. Renner
- Craig L. Brown Terrance Donley Glenn R. Hart Arthur H. Koppenhafer George Potz Thomas L. Wible

We have made many attempts to contact the Nobles listed above. Any information as to their disposition would be appreciated.

Please contact the Office at 440-546-8966 or clevelandshriners@gmail.com

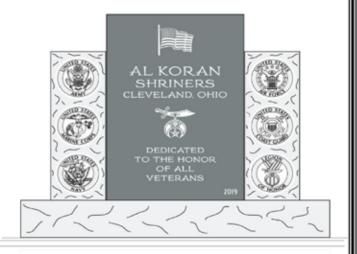


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## Hillbilly Crooked River Clan

After talking about our Pork Chop dinner for a number of months, we finely held the event. On August 19th we had a fair turnout and a good time was had by all, We had our Rabban of the Clan Ronn Murphy and Bill Stein on the grill, and of course Linda Payner and Evie Probert along with others handling the kitchen. But we can't leave out III Al Payner, over seeing the bar.

Now we only have one more meeting to go in 2023, which means, we will be dark (no meetings) in November and December because of the holidays. Now just because we don't have Hillbilly Meetings, it doesn't mean there are no activities. We have Al Koran Business Meetings on the 3rd Monday of the month, and also the Kids Christmas Party held in Brunswick – Diamond Event Center. Let back this event by getting the young ones out and we always have Santa.

You know we still have "diamond earing" tickets to sell and we hope to have the drawing by the holidays. Hopefully some nice gentleman can present them to his wife, girlfriend, or significant other. Just think of the smile you will get.

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BS unit is doing a raffle for a bottle from the 6 millionth barrel of Buffalo Trace bourbon. Wood case case, Bottle, wood stave and booklet on the barrel is included. Tickets are \$10 dollars each and only 300 are available.

If anyone needs tickets they can contact Brandon Gould or Mike Spisak.

## Hunter's Unit

This last month Al Koran Hunters held their annual Mooseburger meeting and we had a very well attended event. Ill Roger Neff made the venison burgers and also supplied wild boar and elk braats, cut for sampling. After getting the grill started, Chef Tom Munro, prepared the food with his expertise and magic touch. But, where would we be without a grill? Thanks, to Ill Ronn Murphy for hauling it not only to the meeting, but also to the Pork Chop Dinner on the back of his SUV. All and all we had a good time after which, was followed with a short business meeting, run by our Secretary, Brandon Gould

It's never to soon when planning an event even after 17 years. This will be the 18th year of the Spaghetti Dinner and Turkey Shoot, and we will be using new guns. These new BB guns were provided by Pyramid Air Company which Brandon Gould convinced the officials to donating them to the Hunters. Thank You Brandon and Pyramid Air. These are what they call adult guns, but we still saved some smaller guns for the kids. Time for the event is coming fast, tickets are available and our phones are ready to receive reservations. All information is in this newsletter. Doors will open at 5:00PM and dinner will be at 6:00PM with an open bar. Remember at 2:00PM Bru Lewis will be holding his Chief Rabban seminar, same place (Berea Temple) and same date (November 11th). So, plan to come to the seminar and have a cocktail and stay for dinner.

We have been working on a roster for some time and we need info from Past Chiefs. We, need to know who was a Chief in 2016 thru and including 2021. Please notify Russ Arndt (216-905-5629) if you were Chief between these dates. We are trying to get the roster complete and accurate.

## **AI Koran Boosters**

"Al Koran Boosters" help to defray the cost of publishing and mailing our magazine. To be a "Booster" please send a check, payable to Al Koran, for \$10 per person listed to Al Koran Headquarters. Names are listed for one year, after which it is time to renew. Renewal dates are shown after your name.

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You Are Cordially Invited To

**Al Koran Shrine Potentates Ball** With Illustrious Sir. Terry Hamilton and His Lady's Angie & Mary

Date: October 14th, 2023 Location: DoubleTree Independence • 6200 Quarry Lane, Independence, Ohio 44131

<u>Schedule: Doors open to the public 5:30pm</u> Reception: 5:30pm to 6:30pm • Grand Entrance 6:30pm • Dinner: 7:00pm – 8:00pm Entertainment: 8:00pm to 11:00pm • Monica Robbins and the Whiskey Kings

Attire: Semi Formal with Fez required

<u>Cost: \$50.00 per person • \$100.00 per couple</u> Make checks payable to: *Al Koran Potentates Ball* And mail to: Al Koran Shriners: P.O. Box 81184, Cleveland, OH 44181 Or pay on line at alkoranshriners.com Check (other) and state Potentates Ball

For more information contact Michael Davison, P.P. - 330-608-2414

Your payment is your reservation. Please don't wait - Thank You



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AL KORAN SHRINERS SPORTSMAN'S RAFFLE TICKETS

> Drawing to be held on October 31, 2023 Proceeds benefit Al Koran Shriners

Winners will be notified by phone and recieve a certificate for a gun or merchandise from Fin Feather Fur Outfitters. More Information can be found at https://alkoranshriners.com/sportsmans-raffle or call 440-546-9866 option 1

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Drawing time & other info can be seen at https://alkoranshriners.com/sportsmans-raffle

Must be 18 years of age to enter and 21 to receive a handgun. If a winner is ineligible to receive a prize under relevant federal and state laws or local laws, they must take the optional gift card. If winner is unable to pick up firearm in person, it may be shipped to nearest FFL Dealer at winner's expense. Any taxes on items won will be the sole responsibility of the winner. Fin-Feather and Fur will handle all transactions of prizes awarded. All items won must be claimed within 90 days © Fin-Feather-Fur Outfitters or they become the property of the Al Koran Sportsman's unit.

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## Al Koran Sportsman's Raffle

Nobles it is stretch time, the drawing for the winners in the Al Koran Sportsman's raffle is approaching fast! The drawing will be held on October 31, 2023 at 7pm, and can be viewed via teams at:

### https://teams.live.com/meet/9332137854348?p=ElPxzqTNWvJutr9r

### Remember the seller of each winning ticket receives a \$50.00 gift card to Fin, Feather, Fur.

Please sell your tickets and return **them and the money** to Al Koran Shriners. You can bring them to the office most week days between 9 am and 1 pm. Please call to confirm someone will be there 440-546-9866. If you mail in your sold tickets, include the stubs but **DO NOT SEND CASH**, please send a check. If you have unsold tickets we would like them returned as soon as possible. We have other members who have sold many and may need more. Also we would like to get an idea of where we stand with regard to our ticket sales, you can bring them or **mail them to us at Al Koran Shriners P.O. Box 81184, Cleveland, Ohio 44181**. Please do not mail them the day of the drawing.

Please do not sit on your tickets if you cannot sell them, please return them to us.

Please do not wait until the last minute to return all tickets at once. If you have sold some you can return them now. This allows us to reconcile our sales in a timely fashion, we would prefer not to get all the tickets at once, as we like to make sure all payments are correct, and we want to have the drawing at a timely and competent manner.



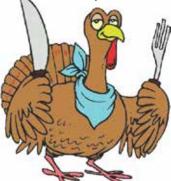
Hunters Unit Turkey Shoot & Spaghetti Dinner

# Saturday, November 11, 2023

Doors open 5:00 PM \* Dinner at 6:00 PM

At Berea Masonic Center, 366 Eastland Rd. Berea, OH

\$15 PER PERSON



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## For tickets call

Russ Arndt: 216-905-5629, Roger Neff: 440-478-1911 or

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Once again Al Koran was well represented at the annual Veteran's Resource Day. Helping "Our Very Best" were (L to R) Don Drenski, Pat Supplies, Steve Velimesis, George Andrews, David Wilkie, Jack Conner P.P., Mike Davison P.P., Lee Pilous and Dale McRitchie (seated).



Noble and long time Krazy Kopp, Duane Limpert was honored at North Olmsted High School's football game Alumni Night along with some members of the 1968 season Eagles. They are the only team on school history to go undefeated, 9-0 winning the Southwest Conference. Duane is standing at left end of line with his NO Eagle ball cap. Congratulation Duane.



Mark Bollinger PP and Lady Debbie dressed for the occasion of the Al Koran picnic and clowning with the kids.



Ladies once again had a good time at Lady Angie's program while the Nobles tended to business upstairs. Sheila Flack donned a cape and made her Super Hero proclamation. A good time is always had... plan to attend.